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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2853  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Masato SHIMADA, et al.  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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